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BEFORE THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



IN THE MATTER OF:

JOEY TAITANO,

Employee,

VS.

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY,

Management.

ADVERSE ACTION
APPEAL CASE NO.: 21-AA20T

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This matter came before the Civil Service Commission (Commission)

December 9, 2022 for a Hearing on the Merits. General Manager, Miguel Bordallo,
appeared with counsel, Therese Rojas. Employee appeared with Lay Representative
Robert Koss. Commissioners present were Chairman Juan K. Calvo, Vice Chairman

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Anthony P. Benavente, Commissioner Priscilla T. Tuncap, Commissioner John Smith, Commissioner Robert C. Taitano, and Commissioner Francisco T. Guerrero.

Employee was required to undergo a drug test. The first urine sample was invalid and the Employee refused to give the second sample on the grounds that the requirement of observation of urination was an invasion of his privacy. Employee was terminated for refusing the drug test.

The Commission heard testimony and argument. Commissioner Guerrero recused himself because he was not present for the last hearing on the merits.

Commissioner Taitano abstained. The Commission voted 3 to 1 in favor of Management (Chairman Calvo dissenting). Having failed to get four (4) affirmative votes, the termination was voided. Employee shall be reinstated immediately with full back pay and benefits. Failure to adhere to a decision by the Commission to reinstate an employee shall result in reduction in salary by ten percent (10%) for the responsible agency head and his deputy from the date of the decision until the date of reinstatement in full compliance with the decision. The Commission may bring

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an action in the Superior Court to enforce the reinstatement of the Employee and impose any appropriate penalties or remedies available at law or equity.

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of February, 2023.

JUAN K. CALVO Chairman

ABSENT

PRISCILLA T. TUNCAP

Commissioner

ROBERT C. TAITANO

Commissioner

ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE

Vice Chairman

JOHN SMITH

Commissioner

FRANCISCO T. GUERRERO

Commissioner

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